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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Application No. : PCT/US03/19871 )  
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For: Novel Proteins and Their Uses )  
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Docket No.: X-15815 )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**Introductory Comments**

This application is being filed under 35 U.S.C. §371 as a United States national stage application from International Application No. PCT/US03/19871, which was filed July 23, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.